

## Americans on Saipan Hold Ridge Positions For Showdown Battle

By the Associated Press.  
**PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS**, Pearl Harbor, July 3.—American forces held strategic new ridge positions today above the town of Garapan and nearby Tanapag Harbor, on the northwestern coastal stretch of Saipan which may be the center of an imminent showdown battle.

Gains of from 500 yards to a mile were made along the entire front Saturday, Admiral Chester W. Nimitz announced, bringing about 80 per cent of Saipan under American control. Garapan was surrounded on three sides. Yank units on the east coast were 5½ miles from the island's northern tip.

Earlier, Admiral Nimitz reported the burial of 6,015 Japanese dead, the capture of more than 200 prisoners, destruction of capture of 30 tanks, from June 14 through June 29.

(Howard Handelman, representing the combined Allied press, said the Americans expected to meet large Japanese forces soon in a decisive battle somewhere near Northern Garapan and Tanapag Harbor, which begins its upward swing short distance beyond the town.)

Garapan Penetrated Further. Saturday's attack was made under the aerial, naval and artillery bombardment. It was preceded by a pre-dawn Japanese aerial thrust at transports and screening vessels, which was repulsed with "no damage." Two Japanese bombers were shot down during this 10th Japanese aerial counterattack in the Saipan campaign.

Yanks storming heights east of Garapan added a third side to encirclement of that former capital, surrounded previously by land forces on the south and naval units on the west.

Admiral Nimitz's Sunday communique said "our forces have penetrated further into Garapan." (A subsequent combined Allied press dispatch from Richard Johnston described the "razing" of the shell-scarred town by artillery, naval guns and mortar fire.)

In the center of the battle line, American units slogged through hazardous terrain to heights commanding Tanapag Harbor.

Much Jap Equipment Seized. Presumably, artillery could be based on these heights to augment the naval bombardment of Japanese troops and installations, near Garapan and the harbor.

On the east, the Americans were within 5½ miles of the Japanese-held Marpi Point airfield. The Americans also captured the mountain town of Chanan Tabute, some 3½ miles inland and slightly south of Garapan.

Admiral Nimitz said marines and soldiers seized "large quantities of enemy equipment, including food and ammunition." No further details were given.

The front now extends from Garapan due east to the island's center, then north nearly a mile, then east and northeast to the coast.

Seventh Army Air Force Liberators resumed the steady bombing of Truk, in the Carolines, Friday night. Army Navy and marine planes attacked the Marshalls.

## Harold Russell Young Dies in Maine at 57

Harold Russell Young, 57, secretary of the National Retail Dry Goods Association and former president of the American Trade Association Executives, died early today in Portland, Me., where he had gone for a vacation early last month.

With him at the time of his death was his wife, Mrs. Agnes W. Young, and his daughter, Miss Mary Agnes Young, who flew to Portland from the Dominican Republic, where she is attached to the American Embassy. Mr. Young died of pneumonia after an illness of three weeks.

Mr. Young, a native of Little Rock, Ark., came to Washington in 1918 as an enrolling clerk of the House of Representatives. He had been secretary of the Retail Dry Goods Association for more than 20 years and was a past president of the Washington Trade Association Executives. He lived at 5082 Lowell street N.W.

A graduate of the University of Arkansas Law School, he had practiced law in Little Rock before coming to Washington. He belonged to the Burning Tree and Columbia Country Clubs and the Board of Trade.

Other survivors include a brother, E. R. Young, Little Rock, Ark., and a sister, Mrs. A. Y. Brook, Los Angeles, Calif.

Funeral arrangements will be completed after the family returns to Washington tomorrow.

## 29 Servicemen Arraigned In Boston Street Fight

By the Associated Press.  
**BOSTON**, July 3.—A savage street melee that kept Boston's Negro district in turmoil for three hours had its aftermath in court today with the arraignment of 29 Negro soldiers and sailors.

Eight of the servicemen were charged with carrying knives and the others with disorderly conduct at a court hearing scheduled for later in the day.

The battle began, police said, when Patrolman John P. Heffernan ordered a group of 12 servicemen to move from a doorway in the Ruggles and Washington street section, a district in which Negro residents predominate.

Mr. Heffernan said the men, all Negroes, refused to obey his order "to move along" and that he was quickly surrounded by servicemen in such numbers that a call for reserves was issued.

**V. P. I. Cites Alexandrian**  
E. A. Mason, Alexandria, was among seven VPI students who made a grades in every subject during the spring quarter, recently ended. It has been announced by the college registrar. Others on the honor list included D. B. Kearney and J. W. Lohr, both of Arlington, and E. P. Moore, Vienna.



THESE FAILED TO GET AWAY—American soldiers view five Jap Zeros, found intact and carefully covered, after American forces took the Jap airfield of Asitito, on Saipan. Wreckage of other Jap planes is in left background. Yanks invaded the Marianas base June 14.

—A. P. Wirephoto.

## 2 D. C. Men Killed, 4 Wounded; Silver Spring Ranger Missing

Two Washington servicemen have been killed, four were wounded in action, and one from Silver Spring, Md., is missing, it was learned today.

Marine Pvt. Collier H. Carpenter, 20, son of Mrs. George W. O'Keefe, 4704 Harrison street, Chevy Chase, Md., has been killed in action in the Central Pacific, according to notification received by his parents.

No details of Pvt. Carpenter's death were disclosed by the Marine Corps, other than that it occurred after June 14. His mother understood he was at Saipan.

A bazooka gunner, Pvt. Carpenter joined the marines 18 months ago and went overseas from Camp Pendleton, Calif., seven months ago. At attended St. John's School and Chesapeake-Chase High School. After entering the service, he was trained at Camp Pendleton, S. C., and New River, N. C., before going to Camp Pendleton.

George L. Hoshall, 33, gunner's mate, third class, U. S. N., 3614 O street N.W., died yesterday after being injured Friday in an accident aboard his ship which was being serviced at Tampa, Fla.

A native of Washington, Mr. Hoshall was employed for 10 years by the Potomac Electric Power Co. before entering the Navy approximately 18 months ago. He had been on duty in the Atlantic, and had served on a merchant transport and a destroyer escort.

A graduate of Holy Trinity School, Mr. Hoshall is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Betty Crockett and Mrs. Montana Stansbury, both of Washington.

Funeral services are being arranged.

Capt. John P. Rupert, 24-year-old tank commander, was wounded May 28 as his company, the "speardhead" of the Rome attack, drew near to the city, he has written his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Rupert, 1832 La Mont street, N.W. He said he was already "up and around."

Ando beachhead, Capt. Rupert holds the Silver Star with the Oak Leaf cluster for gallantry in North Africa.

Pfc. Aldred I. Carter has been wounded in the Mediterranean area, the War Department has notified his wife, Mrs. Gladys M. Carter, listed as living at 3428 Reservoir road, N.W.

Corpl. Kenneth M. Bargmann, 20, a ranger, has been missing in France since June 7, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Bargmann, 9116 Flower avenue, Silver Spring, have been informed by the War Department. Corpl. Bargmann was graduated from Montgomery Blair Senior High School in 1942. He volunteered for the rangers in March, 1943, and has been overseas since November. He has two brothers in the service, Lt. Evans R. Bargmann, U. S. A. F., in the South Pacific, and George H. Bargmann, Jr., U. S. N. R., a petty officer, first class, with the Pacific Fleet.

Pvt. Laurel M. Davis, Jr., 19, was wounded in the knee in the South Pacific.

Brigadier Marks Missing After Burma Crash  
By the Associated Press.  
**COLOMBO**, Ceylon, July 3.—Burke R. N. F. Marks of the 3d Gurkha Rifles is "missing and presumed lost" in an airplane crash in the Mogaung Valley in Northern Burma, it was announced today.

Brig. Marks was senior administrative staff officer under the late Maj. Gen. Orde Wingate. British air Commando leader who was killed in a similar mishap in Burma last March.

An official announcement said Brig. Marks had taken off May 25 in extremely bad weather to visit Maj. Gen. W. D. A. Lenthaigne's headquarters and had never arrived.

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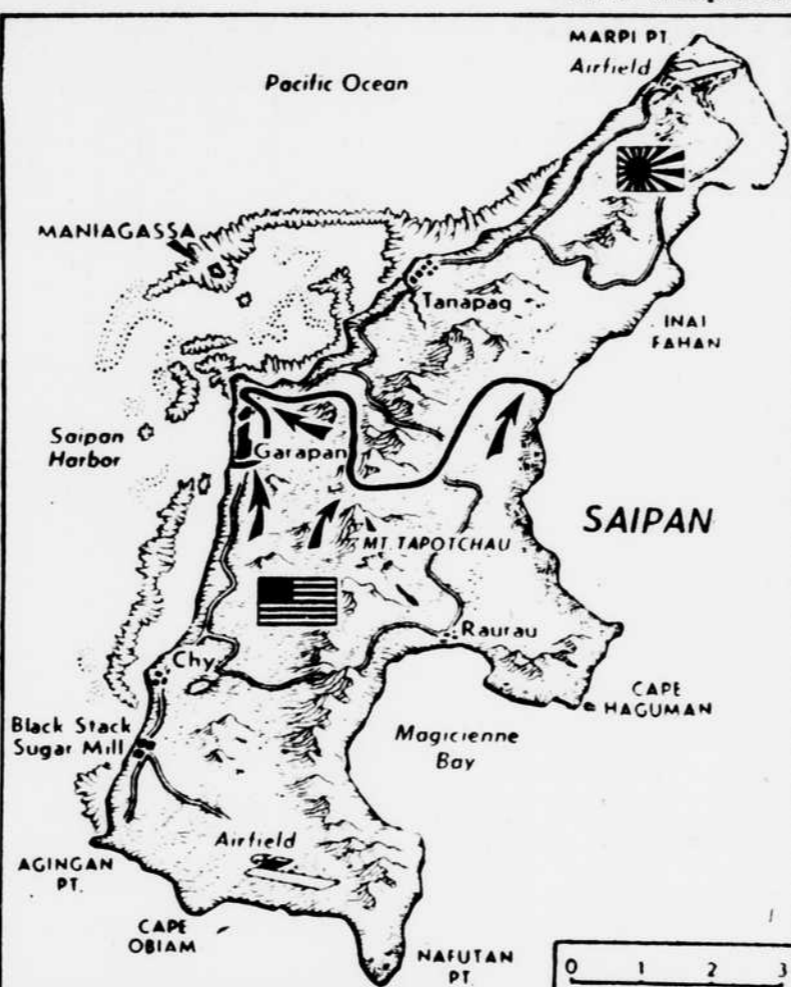
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YANKS PROGRESS ON SAIPAN—Arrows indicate American progress against the Japanese on Saipan. Garapan, largest town on the island and capital of the Marianas, has been surrounded on three sides and heights have been captured overlooking Tanapag Harbor. Other American units are fighting down the north slope of Mount Tapotchau, while on the east coast Yanks have advanced to within 5½ miles of the island's northern tip.

—A. P. Wirephoto.

## Noemfoor Island, Site Of 3 Jap Airdromes, Blasted Heavily Again

ADVANCED ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, New Guinea, July 3.—Noemfoor Island, an egg-shaped piece of jungle land bedecked with three Japanese airdromes, was shelled by P-T boats once and heavily bombed twice Friday and Saturday.

The attacks were reminiscent of the softening up that has preceded Allied landings such as that on Black Island in the Schouten group May 27, but there was no indication from headquarters of any new invasion development.

Heavy bomber, mediums, attack planes and fighters of the 5th and 13th Army Air Forces took part in the raids Friday and Saturday. The Saturday bombing was by more than 150 airplanes employing 230 tons of explosives, the largest air strike in this theater in several weeks.

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Noemfoor, 15 miles long and 12 across, has been bombed 26 times in six days. Fifty miles west of Black Island in the Celebes Sea, Noemfoor is a long, narrow island, 15 miles long and 12 across, with a population of 600 miles from Palau, 800 from the Philippines.

Another heavy force of Liberators raided Boeroe Island, in the Banda Sea 600 miles southwest of Noemfoor, Saturday. Fifty-eight tons of bombs destroyed three grounded airplanes and started fires in the airstrip area. One Japanese bomber was shot down.

Off Boeroe's west coast, a reconnaissance bomber sank a large cargo ship. Three other small cargo vessels were sunk near Timor, and one off Halmahera Island.

Headquarters announced that 524 more Japanese had been killed in ground fighting on Black Island and in the Maffin Bay area of Dutch New Guinea.

## Woman Faces Sanity Hearing in Baby Slaying

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## Norman H. Davis Rites Set for Wednesday; Leaders Pay Tribute

A career of nearly three decades devoted to outstanding diplomatic and humanitarian service ended yesterday with the death from a cerebral hemorrhage of Norman H. Davis, chairman of the American Red Cross. The 65-year-old world political figure will be buried Wednesday after funeral services at 10 a.m. at Christ Church in Alexandria, where he had lived for several years.

The services will be conducted by the Rev. Alexander C. Zabriskie, dean of the Episcopal Theological Seminary at Alexandria. The place of burial has not been announced.

President Roosevelt, Secretary of State Hull and other national leaders united in praise of Mr. Davis, who died after a brief illness at his home in Alexandria, Va., where he had gone for a rest. The President, in a message to Maclean P. Davis of Nashville, son of the Red Cross chairman, counted Mr. Davis as "indeed a casualty of war," saying "he had worked far beyond his strength."

Jay Assumes Duties Temporarily.  
Mr. Davis' duties with the Red Cross will be assumed temporarily by Nelson Dean Jay of Elmwood, Ill., a partner in the firm of Morgan et Cie. of Paris, who has been a special volunteer assistant to the chairman. Mr. Jay aided in the war in France early in the war.

The chairman had been in ill health for some time, it is understood, but had continued active in the strenuous job of directing the wartime work of the Red Cross until about a fortnight ago when he was forced to take what he thought would be only a brief vacation.

Only recently when Red Cross workers followed the invasion force to the battlefields of France, Mr. Davis gave "The Star" a statement in which he said he was "deeply gratified" that Red Cross men and women now were entering the major phase of their wartime work.

Mr. Davis had been chairman of the Red Cross since April 11, 1938, when the President appointed him to succeed the late Rear Admiral Cary C. K. Rogers. He also was chairman of the board of governors of the League of Red Cross Societies.

Roving Ambassador.  
Few persons, as Secretary Hull pointed out in his statement, have been privileged to serve their country as long and usefully as did the wiry, white-haired man who for years shuttled between America and Europe on a wide variety of diplomatic missions which included service under three Presidents—Woodrow Wilson, Herbert Hoover and Franklin D. Roosevelt. Nor have many men of this age had so wide an acquaintance with statesmen, bankers, social workers and newspaper editors as did the man who was generally known in the early years of the present administration as Washington's "roving ambassador."

President Roosevelt declared Mr. Davis' death ended a "career of great and varied usefulness" and added:

"A business executive and man of affairs he had gained experience when, as special ambassador to three Presidents, he carried out successfully many important diplomatic missions. He worked indefatigably at Geneva and in the various European capitals to maintain peace. The reports in which he recorded the results of his observations, show how clearly he foresaw the inevitable trend toward the unhappy conflict which now rends the world."

"In a critical time he assumed the burdensome duty of the chairmanship of the American Red Cross. He guided the destinies of that organization through the troubled years which saw the beginning of the war and as the conflict spread he was called upon to extend aid on an ever-increasing scale. He will be remembered for his services in aid of suffering mankind and for the deep mourning by a multitude of friends of whom I was one."

"Casualty of War."  
The President's telegram to Mr. Davis' son said:

"I am shocked and saddened by the news of your father's untimely death and hasten to record my own sorrow in the sorrow which has been laid so heavily on you. He had worked far beyond his strength and is indeed a casualty of war. Mrs. Roosevelt joins me in this assurance of heartfelt sympathy to you and to all who mourn with you."

Mrs. Smith's death came as a tragic aftermath to a testimonial dinner given at the Indian Spring Country Club Thursday night in tribute to Dr. Smith, who served as pastor of the Woodside Methodist Church, Silver Spring, for 22 years before accepting his new post as district superintendent. Speakers at the dinner, attended by about 250 Silver Spring residents, paid tribute to Mrs. Smith for her assistance to her husband in his work in the community.

A native of New York, Mrs. Smith was 43 years old. She attended schools in Plainfield, N. J., and married Dr. Smith June 21, 1922, shortly after he began his pastorate at the Woodside Methodist Church.

Mrs. Smith was a member of the Woodside Dramatic Club, the Women's Club of Woodside, the Silver Spring Chapter of the Eastern Star, the Mothers' Club of Woodside, the Silver Spring Branch of the Red Cross and the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Woodside Methodist Church.

Besides her husband she is survived by four children, Mrs. Robert D. Kemp, Clearwater, Fla., whose husband, Corpl. Kemp, is at Drew Field; Seaman (First Class) Ralph D. Smith, Jr., who is on submarine duty; Cathryn Ann and William Francis, both of whom live at home.

Also surviving are her sister, Ernest Zerk, Plainfield, N. J., and three brothers, Leslie, also of Plainfield; Harold, Oak Hill, W. Va., and Edwin A. Doylestown, Pa.

Services have been tentatively set for 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Woodside Methodist Church. Burial will take place in Hughesville, Pa., Thursday.

Miniature Layette Tells Story to Yank in Britain  
By the Associated Press.  
**STEEGER**, Ill.—Mrs. Martha Robbins wanted her husband, Corpl. Charles W. Robbins, stationed in England, to see the clothes she had made for their first baby.

She sent him a miniature layette of clothes made from the same material as those she has provided for the baby—fancy embroidery included.

Bay bonds... buy more... buy NOW!

## OPA to Issue New List Of Increased Prices For Cotton Textiles

By the Associated Press.  
The Office of Price Administration promised today to inform consumers promptly how much more they can expect to pay for shirts, dresses, sheets, pillowcases, etc., under price advances authorized for cotton textile mills.

About one-third of all cotton fabric output will command higher prices at the mill, OPA Administrator Bowles said. These include fabrics widely used for moderately priced house dresses, men's shirts and shorts, work clothes and knit cotton underwear.

Mr. Bowles said he does not expect that "the net effect on the cost of living would be substantial," under the provisions of the Bankhead amendment which Congress wrote into the extend Price Control Act.

"Some of the new increases will undoubtedly have to be passed to the consumers," he said. "It is believed, however, that others can be absorbed in whole or in part at intermediate stages of production and distribution. Final decisions on these questions will be announced promptly."

OPA officials said today their figures still were incomplete but they hoped less than half of the boost would have to be passed on through retail sales.

Ceilings Not Determined.  
Even the mills, however, do not yet know the exact ceiling increases granted them by OPA under terms of the amendment. It provides that "major items" must get price adjustments to reflect parity to cotton growers. Mr. Bowles said the new ceilings on each item would be announced this week, if possible.

To comply strictly with the act, which made the changes effective June 30, Mr. Bowles authorized the mills to sign "open contracts" whose prices could be filled in when ceilings were set.

The "major items" given increases are: Denims, most combed and carded cotton yarns, major types of sheets and pillow cases, 3.60-yard sanforized chambrays, most combed yard fabrics and knit cotton heavy-weight underwear. Manufacturers of "class A" gray print cloth also may make "open contracts," but OPA has not finally decided whether to increase their prices.

Rise Estimated at 7.5 Per Cent.  
Prior to passage of the amendment, offered by Senator Bankhead, Democrat, of Alabama, OPA estimated it would bring increases averaging 7.5 per cent at the mill—up from \$150,000 annually.

Mr. Bowles disclosed he had rejected an industry proposal for a general, temporary increase on all cotton textile items. This, he said, would have meant a rise of 10 per cent or more in average mill prices, running more than \$200,000,000 a year in mill sales. The industry asked that this increase be put in force until studies showed which particular increases were unnecessary.

The price administrator said the industry's claim that the general increase required by the Bankhead amendment was "without foundation."

"Congress has just reaffirmed all the basic principles of stabilization," Mr. Bowles declared. "A charge that it has legislated an increase of 10 per cent or more in prices of cotton clothing would be instantly and rightly denied."

OPA Beginning Survey.  
The selection of items for price increases does not foreclose consideration of evidence that increases are needed in other goods, Mr. Bowles said.

Industry spokesmen have been in vane to submit any such evidence. OPA is beginning a complete survey of costs on all major cotton textile items to determine whether additional increases are called for.

In connection with the industry plea for a general price increase, Mr. Bowles said he could not have sufficiently such an order on OPA's own information.

"OPA has repeatedly shown," he said, "that the general level of prices and margins fixed in its regulations are more than fair to the industry as a whole. Not only this, but it has been shown that the regulations, taken as a whole, permit the mills to pay parity prices for cotton and still realize fair profits. In the long debate over cotton textile prices, these facts have never been successfully challenged and for the most part have not even been questioned."

Four brothers, Ewin L. Davis of Washington, Paul M. Davis, Nashville, Tenn.; Thurman J. Davis and Lamont Davis, both of Tallahassee, Fla., also survive.

An Episcopalian, Mr. Davis was a communicant of Christ Church. He was a member of the Metropolitan and Chevy Chase Clubs here and of the Lincoln, Century, Coffee House and Piping Rock Clubs of New York.

Palbearers will be the following Red Cross officials: G. Stewart Brown, vice chairman in charge of public relations; James L. Fleisher, vice chairman at large; James K. McClintock, vice chairman in charge of finance; James T. Nicholson, vice chairman in charge of Junior Red Cross and personnel relations; De Witt Smith, vice chairman in charge of domestic services, and Fred A. Winfrey, vice chairman of area offices and chapter services.

The funeral will be conducted by the Rev. Alexander C. Zabriskie. Burial will be private.

Navy Blimp Lands in Desert In Vain Effort to Save Flyer  
By the Associated Press.  
**SAN DIEGO**, Calif., July 3.—In an unprecedented mercy rescue, a Navy blimp landed in the treacherous sand hills of the Imperial Valley Desert, 20 miles northwest of Yuma, Ariz., to pick up a Navy flyer who had parachuted from his plane Saturday.

Despite the attempt, the pilot, whose name was withheld, was dead when reached by the rescue party yesterday.

The landing and rescue was accomplished despite hazardous weather conditions, dangerous terrain and a ground crew far below the usually required minimum, the Navy said in reporting the feat today.

The blimp was piloted by Lt. Peter L. Culbertson, Minneapolis. After search planes had located the airman's parachute-covered

form in the desert, Ensign Robert B. Porter, Los Angeles, was flown to the scene from the Holtville (Calif.) air station and parachuted to the desert to render emergency aid.

Reaching the area, the blimp swooped to within 30 feet of the ground, dropped two crew members—Ensigns Herman Callahan, Alhambra, Calif., and First Rigder Leonard Craig, Pico, Calif.—to aid Ensign Porter in landing the craft.

Despite strong wind, the blimp was landed safely by the three men—Porter, Callahan and Craig—who were one-third of the normal ground crew—and the body of the pilot was placed aboard. Also taken aboard were Ensigns Porter and Callahan and Rigder Craig and two members of a land rescue party.

The blimp, part of the Navy's air-sea rescue agency, went to the rescue from its base at Santa Ana, Calif.

## New York Police Still Lack Clue in Woman's Slaying

By the Associated Press.  
**NEW YORK**, July 3.—All night questioning of neighbors, fellow-tenants and tradesmen failed to throw any light on the slaying of a woman identified as Miss Edna Morgan, 42, West Park, about \$30,000 a week, rooming house apartment here, police said today.

The woman, who police said, came here from Florida on June 24, was found dead Saturday night. An autopsy yesterday showed she was strangled.

Police discounted robbery as a motive after finding Miss Morgan's pocketbook, containing \$37, and other belongings intact in her room.

We must sacrifice our comforts for their needs; yes, and even our lives for their comforts.